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CONTROLLING OPERATIONS OF THE COMPUTER SYSTEM

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UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98

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1. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. H11-272373, published October 8, 1999 (with English abstract).
2. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. H06-161621, published June 10, 1994 (with English Abstract).
3. Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application Publication No. 03/24/2005 JP 2001-140240, published May 10, 2002 (with English abstract).
4. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. H06-295771, published October 21, 1994 (with English abstract).
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5. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. H01-296577, published November 29, 1989 (with English abstract).
6. Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application Publication No. 2001-184297, published July 6, 2001 (with English abstract).

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

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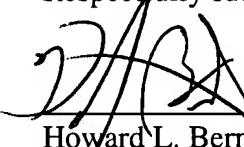
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		JP	2002-132402	A	05-10-2002	Mitsubishi Electric Corp
		JP	H06-295771	A	10-21-1994	Ricoh Co Ltd
		JP	H01-296577	A	11-29-1989	Fujitsu Ltd
		JP	2001-184297	A	07-06-2001	Toshiba Corp

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Sir:

The undersigned hereby states, upon information and belief:

That each item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement filed concurrently herewith was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of said Information Disclosure Statement.

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Claims: 1-10

Cited Literature: 1, 2

Remarks:

Cited Literature 1 (see all the drawings) describes an invention wherein a termination means built into a connector is engaged when cartridges are not installed and are disengaged when they are installed.

Cited Literature 2 (see Figure 1, etc.) describes an invention wherein a dummy electrical load (3A to 3M) is connected when no memory module is installed.

Applying [the invention of] Cited Literature 1 to a memory module as described for instance in Cited Literature 2, and forming the termination means for impedance matching as needed from a capacitance load, likewise as described in Cited Literature 2, is something which can be suitably accomplished by a person skilled in the art.

Therefore, the inventions according to Claims 1 through 10 could be easily accomplished by a person skilled in the art based on Cited Literature 1 and 2.

Claim: 1

Cited Literature: 2

Remarks:

Cited Literature 2 (Figure 1, etc.) describes an invention wherein a dummy electrical load (3A to 3M) is connected when no memory module is installed.

Therefore, Cited Literature 2 describes an invention that does not differ remarkably from the invention according to Claim 1.

If any reasons for rejection are newly discovered, a notification of reasons for rejection will be issued.

List of Cited Literature

1. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H1-272373
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